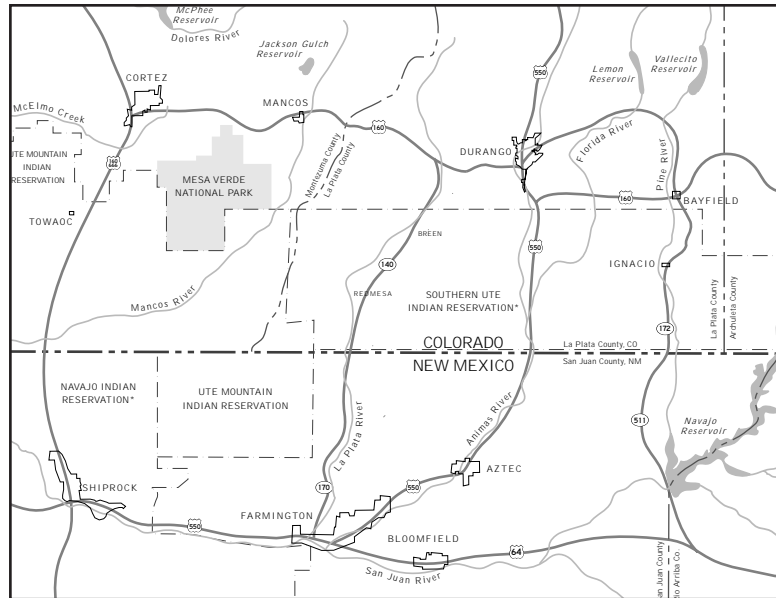


acquiring water from existing agricultural users throughout the southwestern Colorado area, within the associated historic shortages and depletions, so no additional water depletion would be needed to meet the demands of the non-structural components.

**Refined Alternative 6** proposes that water to satisfy the Settlement Act be obtained through augmentation and coordinated operation of existing federal projects in the area close to the Tribes' reservations and through purchase of irrigated agricultural lands and associated water rights throughout southwest Colorado. This alternative also has a relatively small structural component consisting of raising Lemon Dam to increase the capacity and annual yield of Lemon Reservoir.



Further refinement to Refined Alternatives 4 and 6 could take place based on comments received during the DSEIS public comment period, just as refinements were made to the Administration Proposal as a result of the scoping process.

## About this Newsletter

This is the third in a series of newsletters designed to bring you the latest information on the environmental review process for the Animas-La Plata Project and final implementation of the 1988 Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act. Copies of the first two newsletters are available on the ALP Web page at [www.uc.usbr.gov](http://www.uc.usbr.gov). This issue focuses on the preparation and release of the DSEIS. Future editions of the newsletter will be published at approximately 3-4 month intervals. Look for the next issue to follow the close of the comment period on March 17, 2000.

## Cost Comparison

Table 2 is provided to give the public a better understanding of the costs of the various descriptions of the Animas-La Plata Project as it has evolved since the original multi-purpose project.

**Table 2 – Animas - La Plata Project Cost Comparison (April 1999 \$Millions)**

PROJECT COMPONENTS	Refined Alternative 4	Refined Alternative 6	Reconciliation Plan 1996	1996 FSFES Phase 1, Stage A	Full Project Phases 1 and 2
Dam, Pumping Plant, & Inlet Conduit	\$ 195.0*	\$ 0	\$ 238.0	\$ 246.0	\$ 246.0
Enlarge Lemon Dam and Reservoir	na	28.0	na	na	na
Other Costs to Complete the Alternative	na	na	14.8	22.0	379.7
Water Acquisition Fund (13,000 afy depletion)	40.0	na	na	na	na
Purchase Land (30,432 afy depletion)	na	195.0	na	na	na
Engineering, Hydrology, Legal for Water Rights	na	10.0	na	na	na
Red Mesa Reservoir Storage (200 af)	na	1.0	na	na	na
Wetlands & Wildlife (Avoidance & Mitigation)	12.1	14.0	21.2	21.2	37.8
Cultural Resources	7.5	1.0	8.8	8.8	21.0
<b>Total New Costs</b>	<b>\$ 254.6</b>	<b>\$ 249.0</b>	<b>\$ 282.8</b>	<b>\$ 298.0</b>	<b>\$ 684.5</b>
<b>OTHER</b>					
Project Costs Incurred Since 1968	\$ 75.7	\$ 75.7	\$ 75.7	\$ 75.7	\$ 75.7
Navajo Nation Municipal Pipeline	\$ 24.0	\$ 24.0	na	na	na
Non-Federal Recreation Development	\$ 12.0	na	na	na	na
*Includes cost of conservation pool (\$25 million)					